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Why do hummingbirds hum?

I'D BE surprised if you couldn't answer. Science might explain it as the buzz of wings as they hover for a feed. But international dads - and mums, relatives, teachers, kids - already know that hummingbirds hum because they don't know the words…

Classic dad joke. By definition, an attempt at humour which elicits groans, forced smiles, single snorts or I've heard that one a million times.

Older generations might say corny, which derives from Middle English for rustic, or old-fashioned. These days, cringeworthy means just about the same thing. Those playful spirits among us find it irresistible to make someone laugh. Wit comes from Old English to know. We pranksters sense exactly how, when and why to turn a frown upside down, or to lighten - even provoke - weird life moments. Not to mention crave a little compulsive attention …

In the days we recited mandatory speeches for elementary school competitions, my talented father scripted doozies for us all. Of course we three were supposed to generate our own, but we preferred to play outside. Plus, we knew that to have any chance at advancing to finals meant that dad should ghostwrite for us. We all loved winning. Dad too. He'd been a devoted amateur actor, so he gleefully whipped up yet another dramatic limerick - not as naughty as most - to kick off my brother's new speech about laughter:

There once was a fellow named Doaks
Who committed a terrible hoax:
He started a rumour
He had no sense of humour,
Then died from laughter at his jokes

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Dad grinned like a loaded Cheshire Cat after offering this, and endless other wordplays, knock-knock jokes and straight-faced riddles. We adored both parents, but our father's impish supper-table winks more memorably disarmed every forgettable lecture from weary mum. Humour was his superpower. To this day, to keep each other near, we siblings still share daily online amusements. Perhaps these return us to that very dining-room where sitting politely upright for a whole hour felt at once precious … and somewhat silly.

Dad's longest-running riddle was always 'what did the earwig say when it fell off the wall?' I never actually thought to ask what earwigs were. I imagined artificial sideburns. Dad then intercepted with his cheeky answer. That pseudo-Cockney accent and baritone still resonate in my finest dreams.

Humour is human nature. Laughter is a vital stress response, increasing our oxygen-intake and releasing endorphins, those feel-good hormones. It connects people, breeds affection, adds breadth to conversations, personalities, education and entertainment. We can all name favourite funny films and actors. It takes about 47 muscles to frown, but only 13 to smile. Charlie Chaplin, beloved icon of slapstick comedy, and muse of our modern Monty Python and Mr. Bean, actually composed Nat King Cole's famous hit song:

Smile, though your heart is aching/ Smile, even though it's breaking/ When there are clouds in the sky, you'll get by …

But back to Dad's earwig. What did it say while falling off the wall … ?

EARWIG-GO … !

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One of our family-favourite practical jokes, inspired by a love of humour from dad. /submitted by Deb Reed

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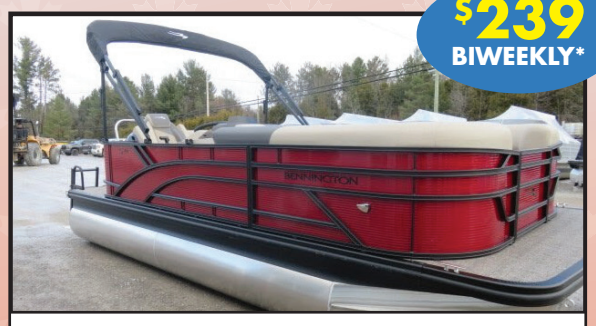

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Canada Day and Civic identity: why we're lucky to be Canadian

AS CANADA Day approaches, many of us are looking forward to campfires, family time, and maybe a few extra hours at the lake. But July 1 is also a good time to ask: what does it really mean to be Canadian?

This year, that question feels more important than ever.

JESSICA SLADE
Plain Talk Politics

We've all seen how political division and misinformation are hurting democracy in places like the United States. Some people there have lost faith in the electoral process. Others believe things that are simply not true. And in some cases, people have turned to violence to reject the results of fair and democratic elections.

Here in Canada, we're lucky. Our system isn't perfect – no system is – but for the most part, it works. We vote in fair elections. We trust the results and have strong rules in place to keep the process open and honest.

We have:

- Elections Canada, an independent, non-partisan agency that runs our federal votes
- Clear rules about who can run for office
- Strict limits on how much people can donate to parties or candidates
- Caps on campaign spending so no one can buy their way into power
- Public records of donations, so we know who's funding whom

These rules help keep money and manipulation in check. They help make sure every vote matters – not just the ones backed by big business.

But rules and systems only work when people use them. Democracy depends on more than showing up to vote every few years. It grows stronger when we attend meetings, ask questions, volunteer on campaigns – or even run for office ourselves.

Let's not forget that women only gained the right to vote federally in 1918, and many Indigenous peoples had to wait until 1960. These rights were fought for – not gifted. Civic participation has always been built by people who refused to be left out.

Take our last municipal election. In Haliburton County, four key council seats, including mayor and deputy mayor positions in Dysart et al. and Minden Hills – were filled by acclamation, meaning no one ran against the candidate, so no vote was actually held. And this wasn't just a local issue: across Ontario, 553 of 2,842 municipal seats were filled the same way in 2022 – nearly one in five.

When seats go uncontested and are filled by acclamation, it means we lose the conversation. There is no debate, no platforms to compare, and no opportunity for voters to ask questions or share concerns. The person simply takes office – no campaigning required.

And yet, your tax dollars still pay their salaries. You're funding jobs that no one had to compete for, explain, or earn, and that's not how democracy is supposed to work. You're supposed to get a choice and be able to make your own decision about who you think would best represent you.

You might not see yourself as a leader. Maybe you've never thought about running for office. But when everyday people stay on the sidelines, decisions get made without us. Our communities are stronger when more voices are at the table. Maybe it's time to imagine what that name tag could say – Mayor, Councillor, Trustee. It could be yours because if not you, then who?

So yes – enjoy the long weekend, the laughter, and the chance to reconnect with your community this Canada Day. But also take a moment to be proud of what we've built: a country where people can speak freely, vote fairly, and even step forward to lead if they choose.

Because being Canadian isn't just about geography or tradition. It's about shared values – and one of those values is that everyone deserves a voice. But we each have a part to play in protecting that voice.

Let's celebrate. And then let's get to work.

Jessica Slade is a national award-winning public policy professional and founder of Civics with Slade, a nonpartisan civic education initiative rooted in rural Canada. Originally from Haliburton County, Jessica has spent the past decade working across government and the nonprofit sector to promote democratic engagement and social equity. She was recently recognized as one of Peak's Emerging Leaders in Government and has received multiple Deputy Minister's Awards for her work in public policy and program design. Jessica lives in Haliburton with her husband and their two young daughters.

Writing on the Senior Side

My two-drawer filing cabinet

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

The top drawer slides open with a gentle pull. The files are squeezed together, packed in without an inch to spare. However, please do not think this means they are messy or out of order. Oh no, they are in perfect order, grouped by decades, years, months and sometimes weeks and days. Each one comes with an abundance of colourful, beautiful details. The top drawer is my personal treasure. I love it.

The second drawer has become more problematic. The door sticks, and I must exert considerable pressure to get it open. Inside, it's a mess. At first glance, whole files appear to be missing. They are also out of order. Indeed, there is no order. This drawer operates on the proverbial "wish and prayer". So far, nothing too important has been lost … well, as far as I know, nothing has been lost. I try in vain to reorganize it, but it escapes me. It frustrates me. I should add that it is not going away. I can't get a new one. It is part of me, and I'll just have to adjust.

In the top drawer:

My brother, Jimmy, was ten years old and I was about 4 and a half. Televisions were new and amazing. Only a few families on Smithfield Drive had a television. Roger's family was one of them. Roger had every new toy. He even had a playhouse made out of wood. It had windows, a door, a roof and a wooden table and chairs inside. Jimmy and I had been inside the playhouse once.

How could Jimmy resist when Roger invited some of the kids to come inside his house to watch television? I was four years old and, as usual, I was tagging along with my big brother. He had to take care of me.

Roger said, "Jimmy you can come in, and watch but no girls. Gail can't come."

I started to cry. Roger was not one of Jimmy's friends. but all the boys were together when Roger asked them to come inside and watch television. Jimmy wanted to go with them.

"It's okay Gates", Jimmy said, "Come on. Let's go home."

I was still upset when we got home. We were surprised to find that our dad was home. Jimmy told Dad and Mom what had happened. Dad picked me up and comforted me.

"Jimmy, you can go back to Roger's house. Gates will be fine here with me and Mom.

Mom was sad, and Dad was mad. That very night, my parents went out and bought a television. Perhaps they were going to buy one anyway. Perhaps not.

Jimmy never played with Roger again.

In the second drawer:

Watching TV. We are addicted to British detective stories on BritBox. From comedies like *Death in Paradise and Ludwig*, to our current favourite, and more serious *Whitechapel*, we are hooked. Watching time is just before bedtime, and since the shows are taped, we can start one night and finish it the next.

"Do you remember where we are in the story?'

"Did we watch last night. I thought we missed last night."

"Now, I'm not sure, either."

A little while later …

"Oh, now I remember, they were about to…"

Conversation at the spa. "Have you been to the restaurant at the Corner of Hwy 35 in Norland?"

"No, I've never been there, but my daughter says it's good."

"What's it called again?"

"Oh, I know it, I just can't remember the name. Give me a moment. It will come to me."

The top drawer is my long-term memory, and it is remarkable. The second drawer is my short-term memory. I wonder if it is getting worse, and I wonder if I should worry about this, or if there is something I can do about it. And, when I wonder, I find out from a respected source: Alzheimer.ca

Almost 40 per cent of us will experience some form of memory loss after we turn 65 years old. But even if we experience memory loss, chances are still unlikely that we have dementia. For the most part, our memory loss is mild enough that we can still live our day-to-day lives without interruption. If you are experiencing difficulties with memory, but:

- They are not noticeably disrupting your daily life,
- They are not affecting your ability to complete tasks as you usually would,
- You have no difficulty learning and remembering new things,
- There's no underlying medical condition that is causing your memory problems,

Then you have what's known as age-associated memory impairment.

Age-associated memory impairment is considered to be a normal part of aging. It doesn't mean you have dementia.

Though you may have difficulties remembering things on occasion, like where you left your keys, a password for a website or the name of former classmate, these are not signs you have dementia. You may not remember things as quickly as you used to, but most of the time, there is no cause for concern.

Do I feel better now that I don't have to wonder anymore? Knowledge is power, so yes, sort of, but that knowledge also tells me that short-term memory loss "is what it is," and there's not much I can do to change these senior moments. I will simply add to my list. You know the list with arthritis, sleep apnea, AFib, cataracs, glaucoma and more…. It makes me laugh because such is life on the senior side, and I am still enjoying wonderful times, grabbing all the moments that matter with Peter, our children and grandchildren. It's all good. I will try to be less frustrated with the second drawer.

On Tuesday, July 8, I will be at the Haliburton Farmers' Market in Head Lake Park, at the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands booth. Since I am a member of the Arts Council, I thought I would volunteer to help. When I received the detailed, excellent outline of how this would play out, I knew the second drawer of my filing cabinet was, once again, askew. The information discussed how I could promote and sell my art. I don't have any art to sell. I don't have a published book to sell (yet). So, I will be there to promote Council events, especially Bookapalooza, talk about *Writing on the Senior Side*, and my other published short stories. I hope some of you will stop by to say hello, and, should you have stories to share, I would love to hear them.

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Editor's Thoughts

A 1990s summer

I DON'T KNOW if this is a trend consistent with all generations, but to me, the 1990s was only a few years ago. Not 25+ years ago. It just happened.

But as I look through archived photos of that decade, I realize the trends, styles, and famous figures have shifted and grown.

I look back on the 1990s with a sense of nostalgia. We Millennials really were the last generation before technology spread its icy claws around our well-being.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

At the risk of sounding slightly older than I am, kids these days don't appreciate the magic of summer the same way we did.

And while I'm not sure if our readers will relate to the reflection of an early 1990s summer, I'd like to paint a picture of what it was like.

The sound I associate with early-summer is that of the wood thrush, a species of bird I've only just recently been able to add a name to the sound. Their call would carry over the wind each morning, signaling the sweetness of a new day ahead.

I've always been an early riser, and used the whistles of the birds as my signal to head outside. I liked when the clovers had sleepy dew drops on their blossoms, and the sun hadn't yet saturated the anthills around the foundation of our house in the forest.

I was one of the lucky ones who called Haliburton 'home' in the early 1990s. With two parents as teachers, the end of the school year was celebrated by more than just the resident students. It was a break for everyone; a sudden drop in our day to day bustle, and the allowance of unclenched jaws and dropped shoulders until the nights started getting cooler.

I have vivid memories of swimming at Haliburton Lake and Drag Lake, both down the weaving and winding Harburn Road.

Maybe the adults discussed environmental concerns or political strife, but the ashes from those fiery conversations hadn't yet singed my developing brain.

I was largely focused on the steps required to attain a popsicle. A banana popsicle, at that.

My grandfather used to buy them from Jug City in Haliburton, and we would sit in front of the post office while he held the popsicle sticks and rolled up his car window with the popsicle on top, splitting it right down the middle for my brother and I.

Our evenings were filled with listening to Blue Rodeo with the windows open, the ragged screens still welcoming mosquitos in for an after-dinner snack, but the breeze too good to give up. We would eat barbecued chicken and frozen lemonade from a canister that made the most satisfying slurp as it fell into the orange plastic juice container. My mom would pretend that we were making soup with the crunchy cold lemonade; sampling and sipping with wooden spoons as we mixed the concoction with tap water.

On Sunday nights, we would listen as the owls hooted out our screens, and pulled pillows onto the floor to watch the *Wonderful World of Disney* on CBC. We didn't know which film was chosen for that night until the opening credits would start, but we never felt the sting of disappointment; there was magic in that element of the unknown.

I was one of the lucky ones, for sure. Because it all felt easy. As a parent now, I am guilty of hovering perhaps a bit too close as my kids discover the world in front of them. In the '90s, I spent the vast majority of my summer deep in the forest, with my younger brother for company, as we relied on the consistent and dependable whir of our imaginations to keep the days colourful.

Slowly, ever so slowly, without even realizing it, our imaginations were chipped away at by the realities of the world. Summers are different now. They always will be.

But the memories of those summers that shaped us come on strong when we smell the sweetness of the air, hear the wood thrush on the early morning breeze.

We were so lucky.

Top 10 ways to recognize that you might have authoritarian tendencies

IT RECENTLY struck me that there are plenty of books on how to fight authoritarianism, but there are precious few that show us how to recognize if we have authoritarian tendencies ourselves. With that in mind, here are the top 10 ways that indicate you might have authoritarian tendencies.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. You have dramatic portraits of yourself all over your house, shed and garage.
2. You possess a strange affinity for slamming your fist on tables.
3. Unnatural love of parades.
4. Frequently fantasize about wearing a gaudy military uniform and chest full of medals you never earned.
5. Willing to annex neighbours' lawn over overblown threat from dandelions.
6. You would like to make arm bands cool again.
7. On second draft of crazy manifesto.
8. Currently plotting to overthrow leadership of a local service club.
9. Working on a signature march and/or salute that looks odd and unnatural.
10. Tendency to use words like and "blood" and "struggle" and "movement" even when ordering coffee.

Goslings

Gaggle of geese, gliding across the Lake,
five families, with goslings floating between their
parents, the goose and gander, keeping them in line,
a lone goose, straggling behind, without a mate or
brood accompanying it, maybe just along for the ride,
as the caravan of geese drifts towards the shore, where
I stand, watching and listening to the tall grasses sway,
one of the goslings, in a brood of nine, straying from
the line, the goose steering it back to float along
with its siblings,
so many of them, I wonder how their parents can tell
them apart, they all look the same,
no names to call out when one of them misbehaves,
the geese, silent as they glide along the water, nearing
the shore,
the other families, smaller, only four or five goslings
floating between their parents,
one family has only a pair of goslings for the goose
and gander to watch over,
and I feel for the brood of nine, having to share their
parents with their siblings,
and the poor parents, trying to keep them all in line,
the lone goose that floats behind the rest,
veering off in a different direction, towards the reeds,
to explore on its own,
while the first of the families reaches the edge of the
shore, I stand at a distance, on the sand,
watching the family of six, waddle onto the shore,
the goslings following one another as they huddle
between their parents,
navigating the terrain of sand and pebbles and tall
grasses, as they wobble their way inland,
the goslings disappearing into the tall blades of grass,
all my eyes see are the goose and gander,
waddling in front and behind their brood, as they
leave water for land, to explore the strip of shore,
littered with pebbles and clam shells, splayed face
down on the sand like the wings of butterflies,
one of them, I clutch in my hand, feeling the smooth
iridescence of its insides,
watching the caravan of gees and goslings waddle
their way along the sand, one family straying
from the others,
pausing at a piece of driftwood to rest, one goose and
gander that have only the pair of goslings to look after,
share a moment, just the two of them, facing one
another on the sand, their heads almost touching,
standing still as the two goslings that wobble around
them, waiting for their parents to pay attention
to them again,
a rustling in the reeds, as I turn around, and watch the
lone goose glide back out onto the water,
slants of light sliding down from Sky, stroking its
feathers as it drifts across the Lake,
content in its solitude, but not for long, the caravan of
geese, gliding back out, too,
family after family, floating back out onto the Lake,
the goslings paddling between their parents, back on
water after exploring the strange terrain of land,
leaving their mark behind that they were here, as I
stroll over towards the spot where they reached land,
leaving webbed foot prints in the sand, big ones and
little ones, adorning the shore,
I slip out of a flip-flop and trace a pair with my big toe,
wondering how long it will take for the goslings to
grow into geese,
and create their own gaggle, glancing out at the lone
goose that floats towards the centre of the Lake,
wondering whether it's a he or she and whether they
were widowed, or just likes to be alone,
I stand on the shore, watching the caravan of geese
growing smaller, five families,
keeping the goslings in line,
'till it's time for them to fly, honking their way
across Sky,
over the Lakes and shores they explored
when they were small,
leaving and returning like their parents before them,
and their own future brood,
waiting to hatch into the fragile beauty of this world

Sylvie Kalenda

Grove

Spires of pines, piercing Sky, as I enter the cathedral of trees,
their stillness, slowing my steps, Air, pure as a forest stream,
bathing my Breath as it breathes, here, amongst the tall tall trees,
the breeze, a reprieve, after days of inhaling haze,
tasting the cool green Air as I wander through this grove of pines,
as if it were a maze,
choosing a path, uncertain where it will lead, my Breath following
the rivulet of breeze,
drenching Air and the branches of trees, my eyes traveling along the spines of
these giant pines,
standing erect, as I crane my neck up to see how far they reach, their shaggy
heads blotting the blue of Sky,
standing close together, yet giving each other enough space to breathe,
my lungs sharing Air with all the pines that grow in this grove, this quiet place,
where I sometimes go,
when I grow tired of thinking and want to feel so much more, my fingers grazing
the trunks of trees,
the roughness of the bark, reminding me of the hardened calluses
on my father's hands,
that he soaked in a sink full of soap each night, after they toiled all day,
but they were never too tired to hoist me up into the Air and ask me all about
my day at school,
his arms, strong and solid as tree limbs, his hands,
weathered as the old baseball mitt
that he sometimes excavated from the cave of the basement to play catch with me,
his hands smelling like the bright green dish soap that frothed and
bubbled in the sink,
the scent, tickling my nostrils, as my nose remembers,
meandering between the trees on this Sunday,
passing a father and son on the path, exploring the grove, like me, inhaling Air,
bathed in the green of these giant trees,
my father, gone now, longer than half my Life, but some days it feels like he is
walking alongside me,
like when a blue jay flies past, crossing my path,
the cups of his callused hands, spilling seeds,
as he carried them over to the bird feeder that hung on a maple branch
in the backyard,
his July Sky eyes, smiling, watching from the kitchen window,
as the blue jay arrived,
the walk to the bird feeder, leaving him winded that last summer,
as if he'd run a marathon,
but it was his mission each morning to scoop up the seeds in his hands and
carry them Outside,
then wait for the blue jay to come, and it returned for three days after my Dad
died, to perch on the kitchen windowsill,
then it never came again, though we still filled the bird feeder with seeds, robins
and sparrows feasted instead.
I spot a father and daughter duo walking through the grove, the white-haired
father, stooped over,
his hand gripping his daughter's arm at the elbow, their steps, slow, pausing to
admire the pines,
I wonder how my Dad would have been if he'd had the time to grow that old,
the smell of blue Aqua Velva and Du Maurier cigarettes,
suddenly wafting past my nostrils,
as my nose remembers his smell that clung to his cardigans,
here, in this grove of pines,
the trees towering over me like he did when I was as small as a sapling,
his callused and weathered hand, holding mine, as we walked up to the store or
through the park across the street,
how safe and protected I felt, in its grip, even as we felt him slipping away,
that last day,
his hand, swollen as a baseball mitt, grasping mine,
his eyes, blazing blue as July Sky,
his hands, speaking, when he grew too weak for words,
squeezing and gripping each of ours, as he rattled his last Breath,
staring straight ahead, past the white wall, maybe back in the forest where he
tramped as a boy,
my lungs inhaling the pureness of Air, this rivulet of breeze, that weaves through
the needles of trees,
feeling him here with me today, as I crane my neck to peer up at the white pines,
glimpsing patches of blue Sky,
still hearing him say, on his second last day, Don't forget to feed the blue jay.

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Community Living Contemplations

I HAVE SEEN this a number of times on the Internet through social media and other areas that seek to entertain me with knowledge and humour. It is the practice of leaning boards, so that people in lovely gowns or other clothing that must remain pristine as a scene is being shot over and over can remain wrinkle free.

In other words, they are not allowed to sit down and make creases. Photos then show wonderfully elegant actors leaning in a kind of 45 degree-angled gurney, reading a magazine or sipping coffee.

My reflection here is a reminder of realness; that we unconsciously look at the elegance of beautiful people on screen and think that we are somehow not measuring up. In fact, those that we think we need to measure up to are being held together by pins, have a team of make up artists and are not allowed to sit down between takes.

We are sometimes holding our real lives, our authentic adventures up against a make-believe visual world of camera tricks and contrived looks. We sit down, we spill things, we cry our make up off, we are real. As I get older, I find myself thinking about what I tell my younger self. And the answer is always some version of the same theme: that no one is really watching or judging or evaluating.

All that time that I wasted making myself different to fit in was so unnecessary. I have since learned that everyone - from Michelle Obama to my own beautiful sister - are filled with the same doubts and worries about appearance and fitting in. What is real? How we treat others, the space we hold for ourselves, being the very best we can be.

Being part of a community, giving back, slowing down, being true to our core beliefs. If it looks like unattainable perfection, it is probably not real, it involves a mandate not to sit or other oppressive manipulation that cannot be sustained for a whole long life.

So how do we know what is real to compare ourselves to? We don't. I think the idea that all of this musing reinforces is that we can't know what is real and what is put on for the audience, so the only comparison we can confidently do, is making sure we are who we want to be, that we know our real life. That we have a place in our community, in our real life, in the roles that we take on and that we are comfortable in our own skin. Wrinkle your clothing, eat the cupcake, compare today with how you want to live your life, and only adjust to align with a more real you; the awesome awaits us all.

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Looks help

THE OTHER day I had a bird's eye view of a doe stashing her fawn in our yard. Essentially, she and her tiny spotted offspring walked into a patch of ferns and only the doe walked out.

The doe did not just walk away without looking back though. No, it took her about half an hour to travel slightly more than fifty yards from the fawn. She would walk a few steps and then stop and be still for a minute or two while she tested the air and looked and listened all around. She repeated this until she was certain her offspring was safe, at which time she slipped over the rise and returned, presumably later.

STEVE GALEA

Beyond 35

It all looked very gentle, caring, and kind from a human perspective.

Perhaps I should not characterize it as that though. You see, I have always tried not to anthropomorphize animal activity. By the way, if you are impressed by me using that word, wait till you hear that it only took me 26 attempts to spell it correctly.

The point is I was looking at this behaviour from a human perspective – and attributing human behaviour to the deer. That doe looked like a loving and responsible parent. But who knows what was actually going on in her head? I can even say for sure that she was certain her offspring was safe. I just assumed.

For all I know she was just trying to stretch out her "me time."

But that's the thing with pretty-looking animals. We always give them the benefit of the doubt. If you don't believe that to be true, think of a baby duckling, a young fox, or a cute little cottontail rabbit. You're probably thinking that their entire reason for being is to make other creatures smile.

It's just human nature. We look at the eyes and the beautiful features and we imbue the animal with a fiction we create in our own minds to match their looks.

Who knows if any of our assumptions are even close to true? No one, but it just seems to feel correct.

This is the primary reason that I hope aliens never take over our planet in my lifetime. I am just not good looking enough for that. Heck, on a scale of doe to garden slug, I am somewhere around sewer rat – and that's only if I gussy up. So, if, God forbid, the conquering aliens were like us, it would not bode well for yours truly.

My only real hope would be if the conquering aliens were from an advanced and compassionate civilization with IQs so high that they knew how to spell anthropomorphize without even looking it up. Then maybe they would get past our looks and worry about the important things – like what's inside. Which would be great, unless they were referring to food.

In the meantime, all I know is that good looks provide an evolutionary edge to any living creature that possesses them. Whose heart doesn't melt at the sight of a young fox, puppy or kitten? Who can resist the cuteness of a fluffy, little duckling?

On the other hand, I'm pretty sure I was right in assuming the spider that just crawled up my leg was up to no good.

May he rest in peace.

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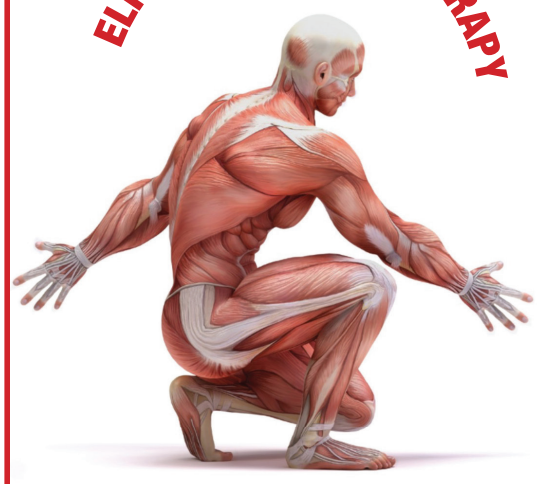

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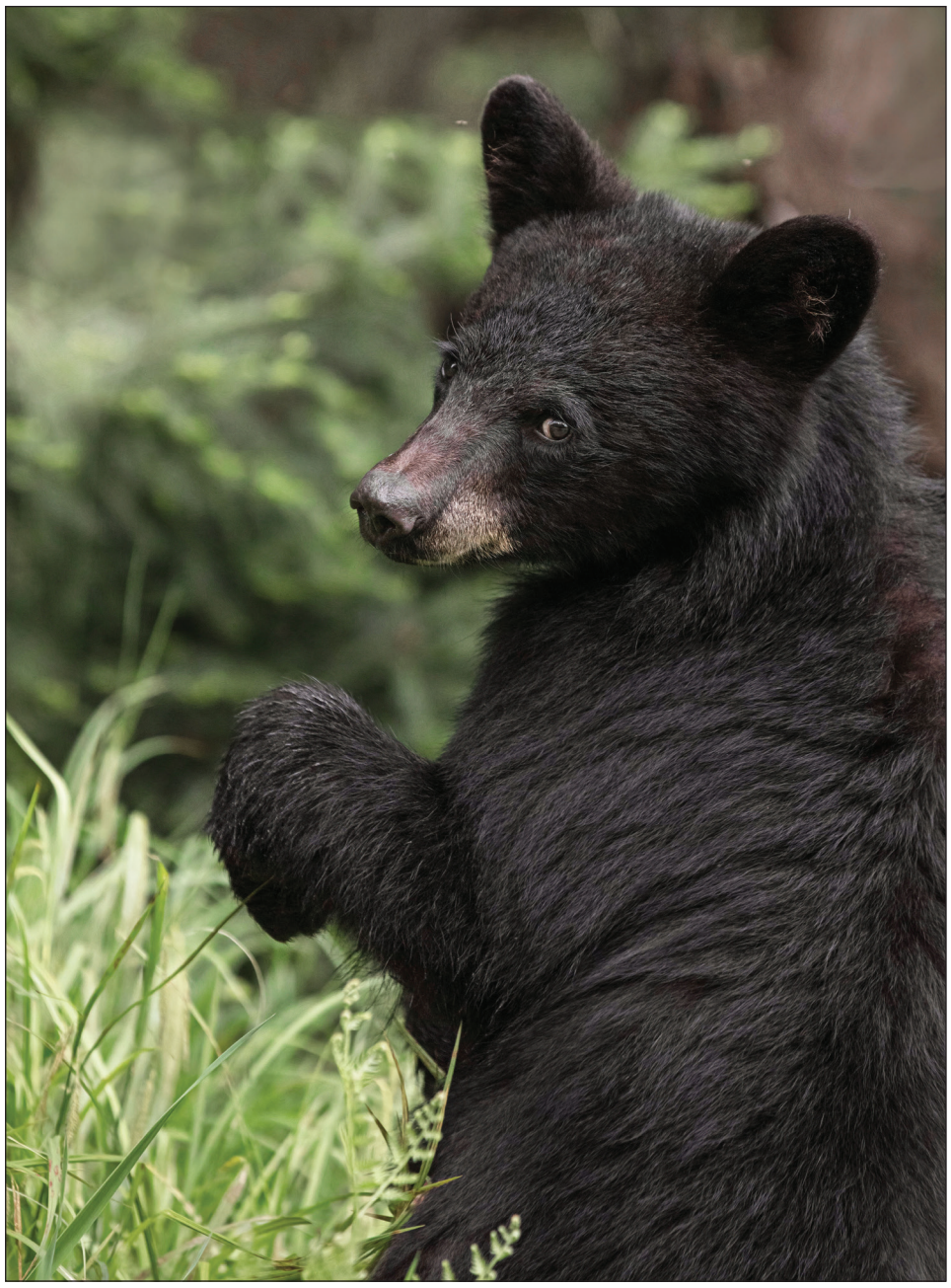

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Giant Penny Raffle
Saturday, July 19

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The lake access is off Highway 118 about 20 kilometers west of Carnarvon. Heading west, watch for the moose crossing sign soon followed by a people crossing sign giving you a heads up that your destination is close. My advice is to turn into the large parking area on the south side of the highway, then make your way across to the north side to offload your gear before returning to park your vehicle.

Bentshoe Lake is the small neighbour of Big East Lake on the south side of 118 and it is the first of several lakes included in the multi-day Poker Lakes Loop. The carry to the lakeside is short and easy, with a friendly put in for all manner of paddle craft. My plan was to take my time to explore this small tea coloured lake with its unique shape and micro habitats.

In June, one must be strategic about the best time and day to be outdoors in Haliburton County. Pesky biting insects can take the luster out of any outdoor adventure. So, on this sunny, breezy afternoon, my decision to duck into a small bay in the lee of the wind was potentially questionable.

To my delight, I was greeted by a battalion of dragonflies feeding on flies, patrolling and defending their territory with aerial maneuvers that would humble any *Top Gun* pilot. Slowly paddling the bay's perimeter, my attention was drawn to a bleached-out log supporting small patches of colour and growth. Round pillows of moss were topped with tiny plant

see page 19

/photo by Rick Whitteker at Bentshoe Lake.

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Thursday: Members general meeting (3rd week) 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. BBQ 5 to 7 p.m., Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.
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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 6 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - June 30 – Darts, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - June 25 – Darts, $4/player, 2 p.m.
June 25 Horseshoes, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Fridays - June 27 - Fish & Chips, 5 to 8 p.m. $15 for 1 piece $20 for 2 pieces
June 27 - Seniors 55+ Lunch, $17, noon
Saturdays - June 28, - Meat Draw, 3 p.m.
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Naturally Yours

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matter straddling the trunk of a long dead tree. Upon close inspection, in the centre spread of these colourful carpets I found the predatory sundew plant, a sticky plant with a killer instinct.

The red rimmed leaves have tentacles, each with its own gland. The glands secrete drips of sweet sticky liquid, effectively attracting and snaring insects. The plant also secretes an enzyme that breaks down the insect's soft tissue into usable nitrogen to fertilize the plant. Adapted to nutrient poor habitats, sundew roots efficiently absorb water but lack the ability to uptake any available nutrients. Not one to normally intervene in natural processes, I rescued a small dragonfly from a sticky situation, deeming its role as a mosquito eater more paramount!

Carrying on with my paddle, in the narrows between the two main bodies of water, I found a similar habitat of multi-coloured moss, this time floating in thick mats. Supporting sweet gale shrubs and delicate looking young tamarack trees, these spongy surfaces provide habitat for another carnivorous plant, the pitcher plant. With a background chorus of song sparrows and a red-eyed vireo, I saddled up to the edge of this vegetated pad to take a closer look.

Pitcher plants have leaves that have evolved into a cup or juice pitcher that can hold water. Using a different strategy than sundews, picture plants combine their attractive colour and nectar secretions on the lip of their leaves to attract insects. The slippery surface on the rim their cup causes insects to fall inside. Waxy walls and downward-pointing hairs make a retreat impossible; the insect drowns in the enzyme infused liquid below. The plant extracts nutrients from the decaying body using them to fuel the plants growth.

I could peer into the depths of these funnel-shaped plants, only to see a collection of dark material in the clear liquid below, likely made up of organic debris and leftover insect husks.

June is the month when pitcher plants flower. The flower rests at the end of a long burgundy stem. With a large head, the flower droops downward like a patio umbrella. They grow well above the liquid traps below to avoid important pollinators from being trapped also. With bees are their main pollinators, the flower design forces the bees to pass the stigma in search of nectar deep inside. This strategy increases the chance successful pollination.

With no other paddlers to be seen all afternoon, a loon kept me company seemingly spending more time under the water than on it. Although more likely seen in the backyard instead of the backcountry, a robin belted out its joyful song adding to my uplifting paddle. A basking painted turtle patiently allowed me to drift nearby, ready to dive with any sudden movement. The solitude added to the joy of a cool swim and a snack on this sunny, late spring day.

Bentshoe is a slow paddle paradise. With many great resting spots and lovely scenery, the exploration of the little things is what makes this lake a great day trip destination.

A dragonfly nymph husk called an excuvia on a pitcher plant flower. /photo by Rick Whitteker

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Thursday, July 31st | 7:30-9:00pm

#2: POP GOES THE OPERA!
Thursday, August 7th | 7:30-9:00pm

#3: HOMECOMING:
HOS ALUMNI IN CONCERT
Monday, August 18th | 7:30-9:00pm
All operas presented at St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN EVENTS:

#1: WHY CHOOSE OPERA?
Tuesday, August 5th | 7:30-8:45pm
Check website for location

#2: CASUAL SONG SOIRÉE
Tuesday, August 12th | 7:30-8:45pm
St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

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Artist breathes new life into forgotten pieces

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

For Garrett Gilbart, derelict and dingy items aren't waste, they're a canvas. The multi-media welder and artist spends his career collecting thrown-away pieces, and turning them into pieces of art. "I like the idea of multiple access points to a piece of art," said Gilbart, "and knitting together the 1860s and the 1970s."

Gilbart draws his inspiration from multiple chapters of human history, looking back to the Industrial Revolution of the mid-1800s - one of the first clashes in the art world of man versus machine. "I carve my pieces with patterns based on old wallpaper," he said, referencing the intricate flora and fauna that dances across the metal canvas. He gave a nod to William Morris, who he said many would see as "a kindly old grandfather who designed wallpapers," but in reality, he was a mover and shaker of the arts and crafts movement of the time.

During the Industrial Revolution, artists were being quickly shoved out of relevance by machines and factories which stamped and stenciled in an effort to fast track production, but kill the human spirit. Morris found the shunned-out artists, and created an industry around them. "He became successful by really respecting and championing his workers," said Gilbart.

The juxtaposition of these carvings on car parts from the 1970s is what gives Gilbart an opportunity to explore the bookends of industrialization. "It's about getting people into the work through different levels of appreciation," he said.

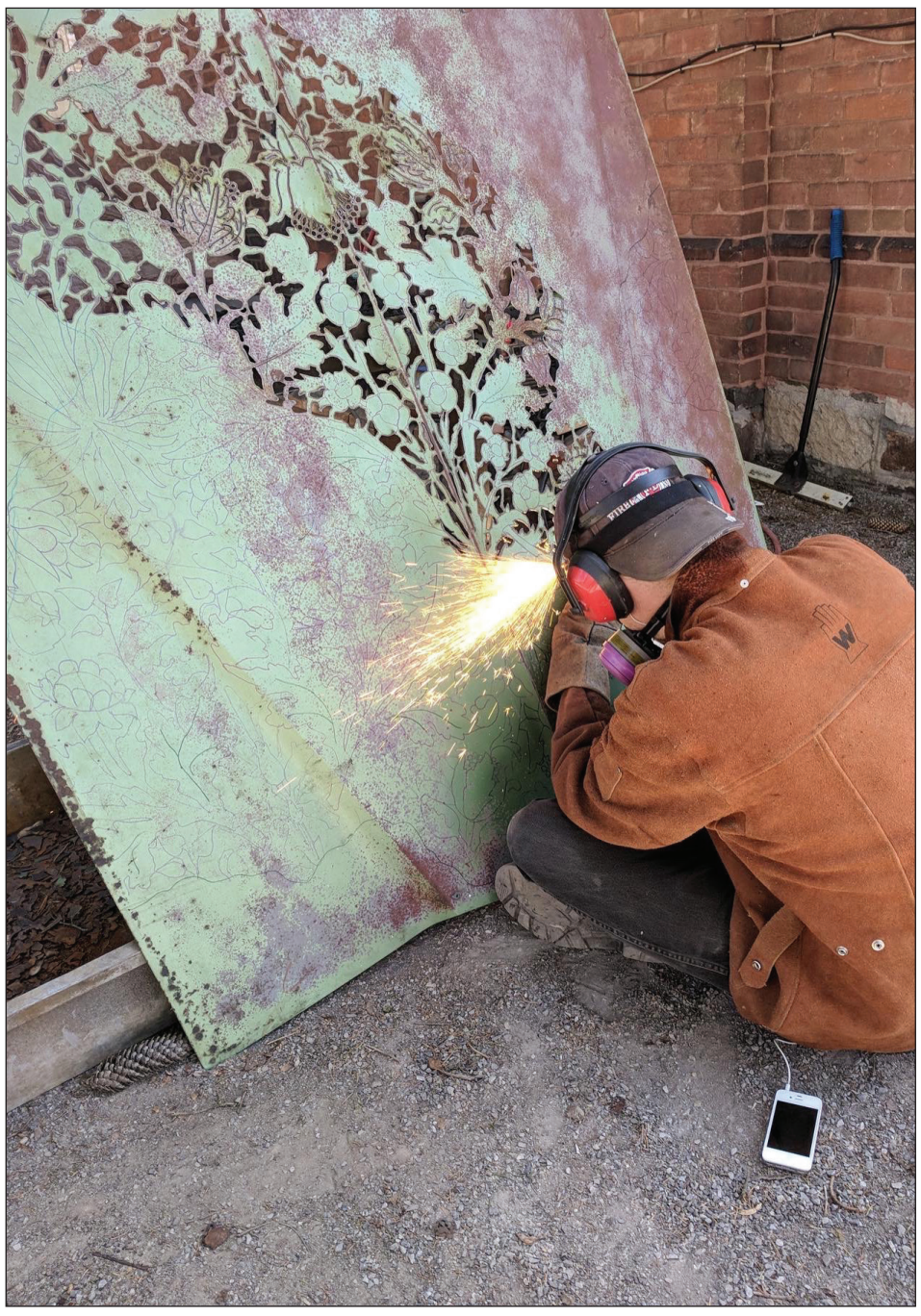
Gilbart grew up just outside of Peterborough, and has been coming to the annual Arts and Crafts Festival in Head Lake Park for years. He has a background in welding, and has attended post-secondary art institutions to continue to hone in on his work. Prior to opening his upcoming show in Haliburton, he was wrapping up an artist residency in Quebec.

His work has always garnered second glances and interested eyes, but as the battle of man versus machine continues in our technologically-driven world, his pieces are that much more relevant to the narrative of modern history.

He referenced one point where he was supposed to send pieces to Miami recently, but in light of the tariffs on car parts - the canvas' with which he works - he had to give some second thought to the shipment. "Somehow the work is getting more and more timely," he said, always maintaining a political undercurrent to his pieces.

Gilbart will have his first exhibit at the Rails End Gallery, *Arts and Labour, by Garrett Gilbart: A Contemporary Response to Industrial Craft, Past and Present* kicked off on June 20.

Using welding and blacksmithing practices, Gilbart used doors, car hoods, and steel scraps to weave and whisper stories of the past, carvings of the present, and hauntings for the future. Each piece can be interpreted with a wealth of possibilities, pending the viewer's own experiences. The unique showcase of the carvings, sculptures, and shadows will don the walls of the old railway station until Aug. 28.



Artist Garrett Gilbart uses his background in welding and blacksmithing to add intricate designs on old scrap pieces. /photo submitted

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Community Events

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Haliburton Environmental AGM
When: Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
10 George St., Haliburton
Topic: How vulnerable is Haliburton County to Wildfires? Guest Speaker Zach Decock. Zach will speak first, followed by refreshments and a short business meeting with election of directors. For more info: Susan Hay 705-457-9239.

Bake Sale
When: Sat. June 28 beginning at 10 am
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Minden
Bake Sale with a variety of pies and baked items. Everyone Welcome

Canada Day Open House at Walkabout Farm
When: Tuesday, July from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: 1105 Spring Valley Road, Minden
Admission by donation. Activities: Animal meet-and-greets with our therapy horses, rock painting and outdoor games, Vendor market with local businesses, Scenic walking trails, silent auction. All proceeds from the event go directly toward funding participant sessions and the ongoing care of our therapy horses and small animals.

Easy Gardening: High Style. Low Maintenance
When: July 8, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre,
55 Parkside St., Minden
Summer is for gardeners! Please join the Minden & District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre. Guest speaker Pat de Valence will be discussing 'Easy Gardening: High Style. Low Maintenance', followed by the monthly society meeting. New members welcome!

Youth Members Program
When: July 8, 4 to 5 p.m.
Kids aged 6 years or older who want to learn about gardening are welcome to join the Horticultural Society Youth Members Program. Email for details: minden.jr.hort.club@gmail.com

Health Care Auxiliary Tag Day
Where: Various locations in downtown Minden and along Hwy 35 from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. Boshkung Social 2 to 6 p.m.
Major fundraising event for the Health Care Auxiliary with all proceeds being donated to various services at the Minden Health Hub right here at the Minden HHHS site. Please donate generously.

Community Yard Sale
When: Saturday July 12
Where: 20 George St, Haliburton – North Entrance Masonic Temple Parking lot
Rent a spot – bring your table – sell your stuff. Spot rentals from $15. Space is limited. Hosted by North Entrance Masonic Lodge. No.463. BBQ. - Pie Sale - Bake Table - Open House. For more info or to book your spot contact nelyardsale@victoriadistrict.com

Outpost Scrabble & Coffee
When: Wednesday July 16, 10:30 am
Where: Red Cross Outpost Historic House,
2314 Loop Rd, Wilberforce
Words used with a connection to the Outpost and its history win an extra 10 points. Contact: Barb Schofield, 705-448-2598, wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca

Norwood Country Jamboree
When: July 17 to 20
Where: Peterborough, For tickets call 1-800-954-9998

Recurring events

Gift Shop Sale Table
When: Every Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: The Gift Shop at the Highland Crest LTC Home
We are having a sale table every Friday in the months of May and June. Prices will be slashed and there will be different items every week. Our gift shop is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12 to 3 and Friday (sale day) 10 to 1.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library New Book Nook Hours
When: 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Choose from a variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian authors, fiction, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Bring a reusable bag. Payment is by cash donation. All money raised supports library enhancements and programmes for all libraries in the county.

Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room
All welcome.

Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
A safe walking environment. Lead by an Occupational therapist.

Free Balanced Fitness, Active Social Senior Classes
When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
All seniors are welcome. Group led by Registered Recreation Therapist

Bid Euchre
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
All welcome!

Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St.
Join us for safe and gentle exercises for seniors to help with balance, strength and flexibility. Free to join.

Cards/Euchre/Cribbage
When: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. George's Church
617 Mountain Street
Lakeside Church Service
When: Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Where: 9 Park Street, Haliburton.
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Weekly Meat Rolls
When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 and 35
Join us for our weekly meat draw. Five spins for $10. First four rounds are for high a prepare-it-yourself dinner for two. Additional spins for this round are available for $2 each. Call 705-454-8127 or email info@coboconklegion.ca for more information.

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Summer events and happenings in the Highlands

Fireworks Minden Fairgrounds - July 1 at dusk

Haliburton Disc Golf Course
When: Open 24 hours
Where: Head Lake Park. On York St. off Maple Ave. (Hwy 118), just 1 block north of the intersection of Hwys 118 and 121.

Haliburton Bike Share brought to you by Haliburton Rotary
Where: Front of the historic caboose, Head Lake park
Haliburton's Bike Share program brought to you by Haliburton Rotary and sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters. The bike share program allows you to borrow a bike for up to three hours, absolutely free. All you need to get started is a smart phone and a credit card for security purposes

Mountain Biking
Where: Glebe Park, Access from Highway 118 via Bayshore Road to Museum Road. The Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club has developed a network of single track trails that, combined with existing double track trails, offer over 10 km of riding. Trails start at Glebe Park Haliburton Sculpture Forest and are open for members or day users with purchase of trail pass.

Haliburton Sculpture Forest
When: Open year round
Where: 297 College Dr, Haliburton
The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is an outdoor collection of sculptures located in Glebe Park near the village of Haliburton, Ontario, Canada. It is operated by the non-profit organization Haliburton Sculpture Forest et al.

Minden

Truck Pull and Show & Shine
Hosted by the Kinsmen Club of Minden
Saturday, June 28 All day
Minden Fairgrounds, 2048 Fleming Rd.
Farmers Market - Minden
When: Saturday, June 28 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Village, Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street)
Offering local seasonal produce, meats, cheeses, baked goods, preserves, prepared foods, hand-crafted artisan items and more.

Artisan Market Shopping Minden
When: Saturday, June 28 1 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Village, Bobcaygeon Road (Main Street)
Local handmade items: Textiles, Jewellery, Wood Products, Photography and more.

Mountain Lake at a Glance - Exhibit
Minden Hills Cultural Centre - now until July 12
Join us at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for *Mountain Lake at a Glance (The Hidden Nature of Paint)*, a new exhibit by Gord Peteran.
Gord's family has summered at Mountain Lake just north of Minden since 1934. While Gord is known as a sculptor, he has been plein-air painting Mountain Lake for the past 40 years. Until now, this has remained a private affair, separate from his professional career as an artist. Accumulating slowly over the years, these small oil sketches have performed much like a secret graphic diary. What is unusual about this undertaking is that almost all 400 oil sketches are of the same view – true north from the family cottage. His exhibition at the Agnes Jameson Gallery, will be the first time these personal paintings have been presented publicly.

Algonquin Highlands:

Dorset Heritage Day
Event - Hosted at the Dorset Museum
June 28 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Outside on the Museum Lawn and inside the Museum. Lots of fun for the whole family.
Dorset Heritage Museum,1040 Main Street

Dorset Arts & Crafts Show
June 29 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Shopping - Hosted at Dorset Parkette
Come out and support the local artists and artisans showcasing their handmade items. The show is located on the beautiful waterfront of Trading Bay in the Dorset Parkette on Hwy 35 across from the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Haliburton

Farmers Market - Haliburton
June 24, July 1 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Canada Day, July 1, kids fishing derby downtown Minden. /FILE

The Rockin' Bobs: Music in the Park
Hosted at Head Lake Park
June 24 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Admission by Donation. Bring a Chair or Blanket. Family-Friendly, All are welcome!

Garett Gilbart: Unnatural Resources
Art Talks - Hosted at Haliburton School of Art + Design
June 25 - 4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Get inspired by thought-provoking presentations from instructors, alumni, and guest speakers. Free and open to all, these weekly sessions bring insight into the creative process and contemporary practice.

Jane Lewis
Live Entertainment - Hosted at Haliburton School of Art + Design
June 25 - 5 to 6 p.m.
Cap off your Thursday afternoon by enjoying free live music and performances in the Great Hall. These shows are the perfect way to unwind and connect with like-minded people.

Watercross Racing
June 28, 29
Hosted at the Pinestone Resort,
4252 County Road 21
Pond side patio with beer and bbq space and viewing platform

Ragged Company
Music in the Park - Hosted at Head Lake Park
July 1 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Admission by Donation
Bring a Chair or Blanket
Family-Friendly, All are welcome!

Urine-Town, The Musical
Theatre - Highlands Summer Festival
July 1 - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(check website for ticket availability)
The summer season opens with the satirical but a little off-the wall musical, URINETOWN, The Musical. It all starts with the sixteenth letter of the alphabet, P. The letter which speaks for itself or, when spelled out, pee, is the central theme to this fast-paced musical Urinetown. As a metaphor for the over-arching intrusion of big corporations into all aspects of our lives, the plucky cast of citizens fights back as the UGC Company (Urine Good Company) attempts to raise the rates on access to public toilets. With music and lyrics by Mark Hollmann, and book and lyrics by Greg Kotis the cast makes its case against the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and municipal politics with music, humour, and boycotts as several love stories emerge from the mayhem.
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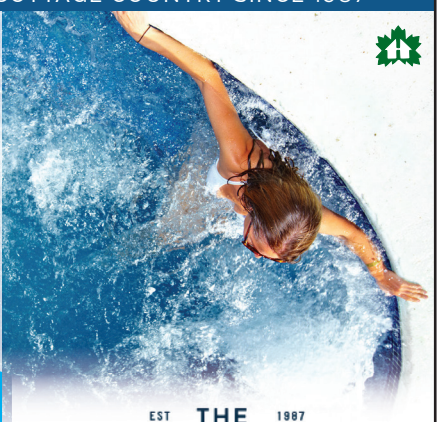

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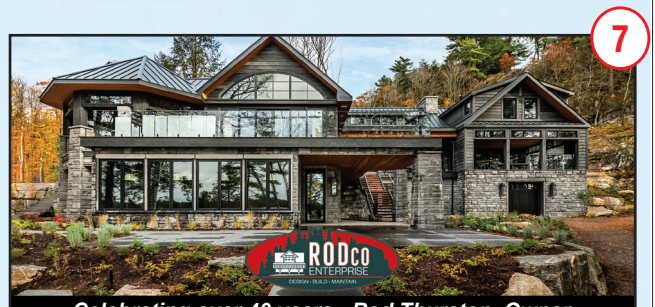

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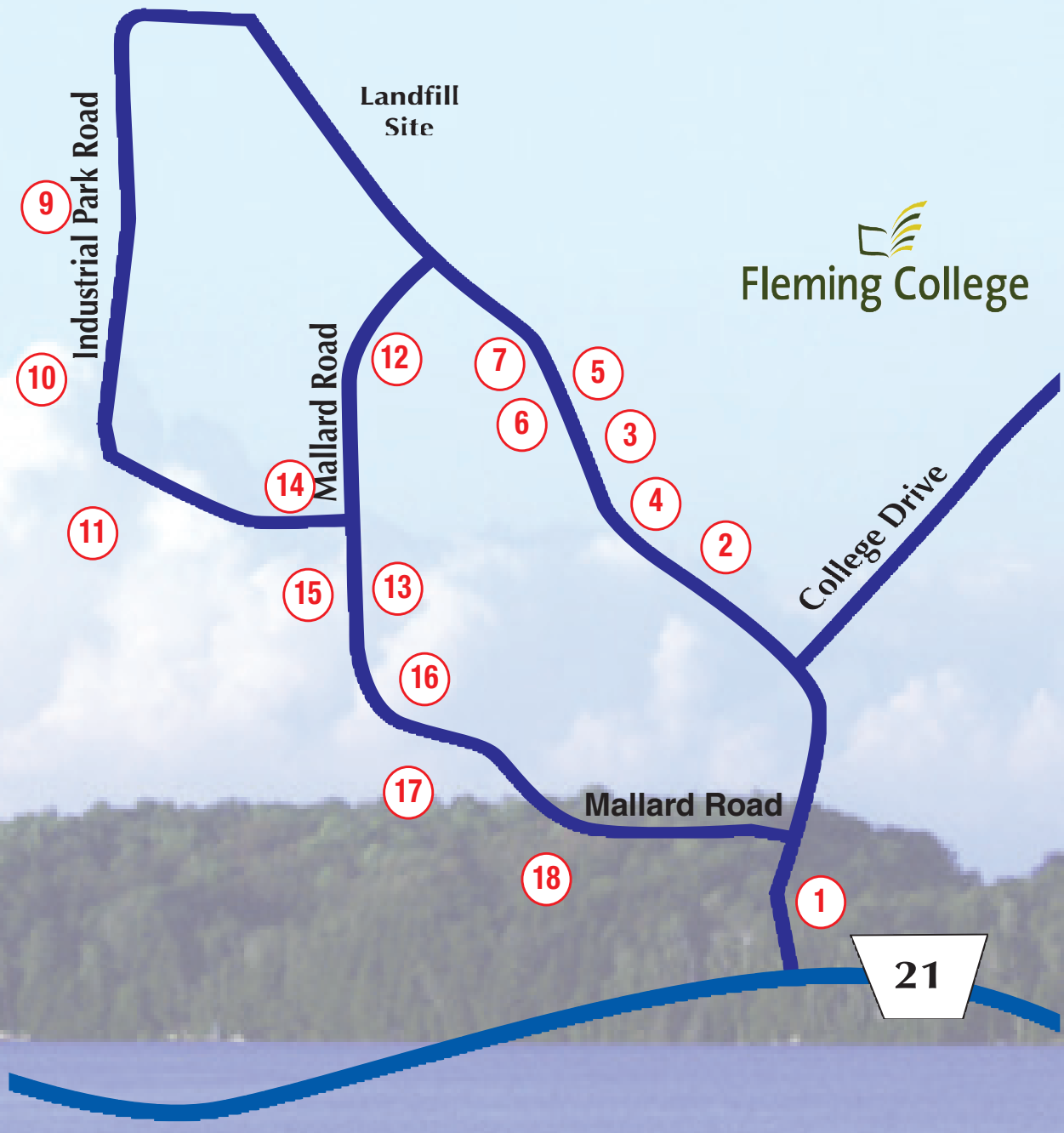

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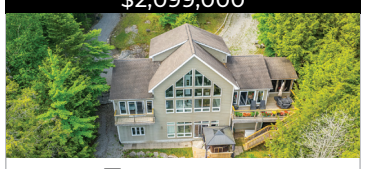

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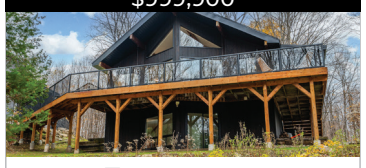

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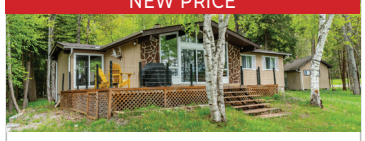

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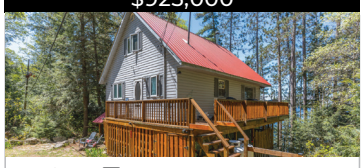

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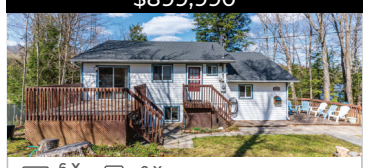

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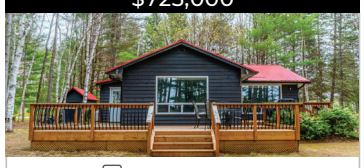

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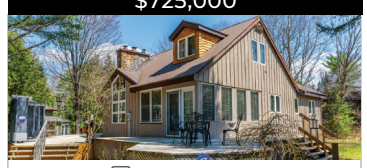

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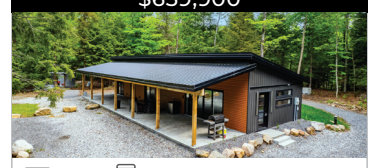

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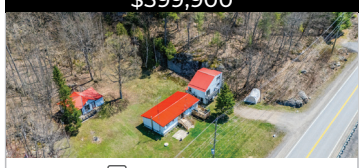

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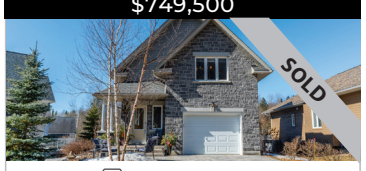

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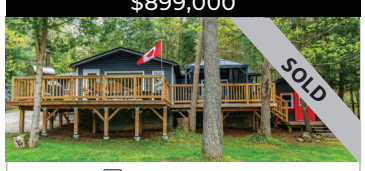

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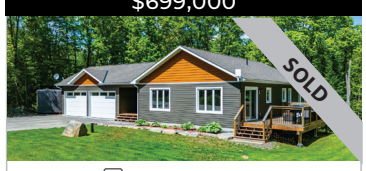

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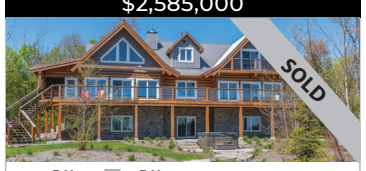

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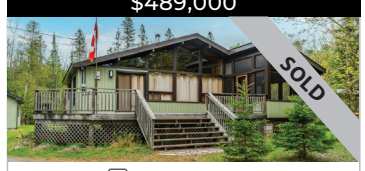

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Social contract shaves $289,000 from local municipal revenues

by Russ Duhaime

Municipal governments will not be spared in the province's efforts to bridle the deficit.

Not by a long shot.

As a matter of fact, Haliburton County has now learned it will have *about $67,000 less to work with* once the Ontario government settles its highly unpopular social contract.

This lost revenue is over and above the $40,000 the county has already lost through reduced grants and the $8,000 more it will be paying in taxes on sand and gravel for the roads department.

The province is planning to cut $275-million out of municipal revenues as part of the social contract. Initially, the savings were supposed to come from voluntary cutbacks on behalf of employees. However, when that plan fell through, the province decided to leave it up to individual municipalities to decide where the cuts will come from.

Municipalities received notice last week of just how deeply the province plans to cut into their revenues. The total lost revenue of all municipalities in this county amounts to almost $289,000.

County Warden Chris Hodgson says his council will have to give some very serious consideration to the options available for making up this lost revenue. He says there are four ways of dealing with the situation, and none are very popular.

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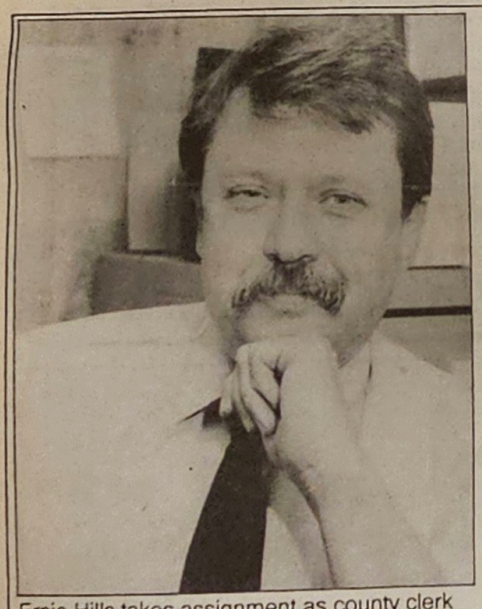

Ernie Hills takes assignment as county clerk

Snowdon clerk chosen to fill temporary post with the county

Snowdon Township's clerk-treasurer has been chosen to fill a temporary assignment as the county clerk.

Ernie Hills will be working for two days each week as the county clerk when Chief Administrative Officer Gary McKnight becomes the administrator of Hyland Crest next month.

Hills will also continue to work as the clerk of Snowdon Township, which he agrees will be a challenge. However, he said he's fortunate to have a very capable assistant clerk in Doug Brohm. "Doug is very competent and he'll be able to handle things here".

The assignment with the county is a temporary measure while county council redefines the role of the county clerk position. County Warden Chris Hodgson said the various department heads will also be taking on more responsibilities while the changes are being imple-

(More on page 10)

Retraction

Apology to Dr. Steven Dawson

The headline over the letter to the editor from Mrs. Kelly appearing in last week's (June 14) edition of *The Times* was incorrect. There was no intention to imply that Dr. Stephen Dawson is not a caring and compassionate physician. *The Times* apologises to Dr. Stephen Dawson for the embarrassment caused.

Comments contained in letters to the editor do not represent the opinions of this newspaper. The letter in question did not adequately identify the author, and the usual steps to verify authenticity were not taken. *The Times* apologises to individuals with similar names who were inconvenienced by the letter. All letters to the editor submitted for publication will be subject to the policy as outlined on pages 8 and 9 of *The Times*.

Responses, from Dr. Stephen Dawson and Peggy Kelly, to last week's letter to the editor, appear on pages 8 and 9.

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Lieutenant-Colonel H.G. Clarke reviewed the 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment last Sunday at the eighth annual inpsection. Members of the corps, one of the best in the province, stand at attention as they wait to be appraised. The inspection took place last Sunday at Camp Brannigan where members of the Minden and Haliburton Legions presented awards to the outstanding cadets.

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